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Briton Still Not In Safety

Jerusalem, Jan. 29.
A rumpled unshaven British judge, still dressed in the dignified wig and robes of his office, was released by his abductors today as the police intensified their search for the second British subject kidnapped by members of the Jewish underground.

Judge Ralph Windham, who was taken on Monday from the bench in his courtroom in Tel Aviv, described his captors as cordial, mannerly people "who were careful about seeing that he had enough to eat and read. They remained masked at all times."

Windham was taken to a textile factory on the outskirts of Ramat Gan and released. The police immediately cordoned off Ramat Gan, a Tel Aviv suburb and began a search for the judge's kidnappers.—Associated Press.

Carried in A Sack
Major H. I. Collins, British barker, had not returned to his home today many hours after his release was reported officially at 6 p.m. yesterday.

Four hours later, a high police officer said Collins was not yet in police hands although squads had been searching the outskirts of Jerusalem.

By early morning, with Collins still not back home, his close friends began to fear he may have died of his abduction injuries. The group which snatched him from his apartment on Sunday chloroformed him and carried him away in a sack.

Others speculated that Collins was in sound health but that the Argon leaders decided not to release both the victims the same way they could obtain newspaper headlines on two successive days.

The 48-hour ultimatum to the extremists was that if the kidnapped persons were not returned safely, both the victims would be proclaimed in Palestine.—United Press.

Lisbon, Jan. 29.
The newspaper O Seculo reported from Azores Islands, today that strong earthquakes shook Azores twice yesterday.—United Press.

Berlin Control Council Friction

London, Jan. 28.
An official British denial of the Soviet statement regarding the reported utterances by Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin on reports of the German occupation was made tonight.

A spokesman of the British Control Office for Germany said that contrary to Marshal Sokolovsky's statement made in Berlin and published by Tass, Mr. Bevin never agreed that "information about reparations extracted from the Soviet zone should not be requested from the Allied Control Council in Berlin."

The comments by Tass arose from the Foreign Minister's discussions in New York drawing up progress reports for the Moscow conference. Mr. Bevin had asked that each occupying power should furnish a complete report about all outgoings from their zone whether as reparations or paid exports and whether from capital equipment or current production.

Mr. Bevin withdrew this suggestion after the Russian assurance that all requested facts would be covered in reports under other headings—for instance, policy measures, monthly statistics of all branches of production and a census of the remaining German industrial capacity. But he never agreed that the Soviet Union should submit its report on the economy of the eastern zone only to Moscow and not together with the other powers in the Control Council.

The spokesman of the British Control Office for Germany added that the information contained in tonight's statement had already been passed on to British representatives in Berlin.

Root Of The Trouble
He said that in the British view Russian reluctance to turn

EUROPE IN ARCTIC GRIP

Twenty Degrees Of Frost Registered In London

Disorganisation Of Transport

London, Jan. 29.
Biting cold weather accompanied by winter's heaviest and most widespread snowfalls added to the discomforts of millions of fuel-short and under-nourished Europeans today.

A northeasterly wind swept across the continent from Russia carrying the cold wave as far south as Italy and bringing the first real snowfall of the year to Ireland.

Weather forecasters were unable to predict relief before Sunday and the cold spell may continue longer.

Radio Moscow was reporting higher temperatures in Byelo-Russia, the western parts of Ukraine and the Leningrad area, said temperatures had risen to four degrees below freezing.

Record low temperatures were reported from many points and there were scattered reports of people freezing to death in fireless and foodless homes on the continent.

London had the coldest night in 17 years. The BBC home service to London broke down for 14 minutes, this morning because of circumstances "beyond our control" and Big Ben choked up when its rubber buffers froze.

There were extensive cuts in electric and gas supplies again in the British Isles disrupting transportation.

Electric trains during the morning rush hours were late and a London Transport official said breakdowns of street cars and trackless trolley buses "are so widespread that we have no clear picture of the situation."

Underground train developed engine trouble due to freezing, delaying the service.

Below Freezing
Shivering Europe reported: Paris—seventeen degrees Fahrenheit and a further drop to eight degrees predicted.

Orleans—one degree above zero Fahrenheit; France—snow falling in many places including the Riviera; Brussels—ten degrees Fahrenheit.

The two-day-old snow is not melting despite brilliant sunshine.

Berlin—eight degrees Fahrenheit at Tempelhof airfield. The authorities feared there would be several deaths from freezing.

U.S. WALKS OUT

Nanking, Jan. 29.
The United States Government today officially announced the termination of its connection with the Committee of Three, established last year for the purpose of terminating hostilities in China, and also with the Executive Headquarters in Peiping.—Reuter.

Soviet At-Bomb Denial

Washington, Jan. 28.

The Russian Ambassador, Nikolai Novikov, today denied a report that he once said that Russia had a defence against the atomic bomb and perhaps had a possible bomb too.

Novikov made the denial after a 20-minute visit to Secretary of State General Marshall.

The Soviet Ambassador was asked by reporters about a statement in Drew Pearson's column that Novikov had hinted to Robert Gross Leatherer that Russia had a defence against the atomic bomb.

Pearson reported Novikov as saying, "You Americans should not depend too much on the atomic bomb. Against France, Italy and Germany, yes. But against Russia, no. You should not depend on it."

Novikov's talk with General Marshall was his first since the new Secretary of State took office. Novikov said he had a very nice talk, but that it was "just conversation"—United Press.

SHANGHAI FIRE SEQUEL

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

The special board of inquiry investigating charges that municipal fire-fighters demanded gold bars before putting out a blaze which destroyed ten large houses on Chinese New Year's Eve, heard an allegation today that the fire actually had been doused but burst out again an hour later.

Other allegations: The firemen drank hot tea and wine while the fire was going on; the warehouse in one of the houses was hucked open and a jewel box in it disappeared; attempts were made to obstruct the U.S. 701st MP battalion fire brigade from joining in the firefighting.

The board is questioning the firemen tomorrow when an explanation is expected why it took 10 fire engines 13 hours to combat the fire.—United Press.

Yoshida Cabinet Plans Upset

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

Premier Yoshida's plans to resign and then organize a new coalition Cabinet hit a snag again when the Social Democratic Party this afternoon refused to accept Yoshida's offer of Social Democratic participation.

Yoshida offered them four Cabinet posts, but insisted on keeping Finance Minister Tanzan Ishihara, to whom the Social Democrats are strongly opposed.

The Social Democrats informed Yoshida that he must first resign and then discuss the coalition with the leaders of the five major political parties without any commitments.—United Press.

Maquis Attack Village

Valencia, Jan. 28.

Four persons were killed and 11 injured when Maquis attacked the village of Rose Delabispo (about 40 miles from Valencia) yesterday at dawn.

The Maquis divided into two groups and attacked a small clubhouse and the headquarters of the civil guard, shooting as they entered. The report said the civil guards repulsed the attack.

The wife and daughter of one of the civil guards were killed and an undisclosed number of guards injured, the report added. The police are searching for the Maquis, some of whom were believed to be injured.

It was believed the attack was in retaliation for the detention of the group's chief, Levantine Maquis, and also possibly it was caused by the cold which drove the members to seek food and fuel.—United Press.

CNAC Wreck Sighted Near Hankow

Shanghai, Jan. 29.
Although no official news is yet available grave anxiety is felt here for the safety of the 26 occupants of a CNAC twin-engine airliner which disappeared shortly before noon yesterday while Chungking bound from Shanghai. The wreckage was located today about 100 miles from Hankow.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that the wreckage appeared badly damaged when sighted from the air. There were also reports that planes saw a crowd standing around the plane which showed no evidence of fire and seemed to be in fairly good shape.

A jeep rescue mission left Hankow this morning for the site of the crash and no authentic information will be available until its report is received. Piloted by New Yorker Captain John Papajik, the

plane carried 23 passengers, including 11 foreigners—six Americans and five Canadians—and a crew of three.

The American passengers were: Methodist Bishop Schuyler Edward Garth and Mrs. Garth of Madison, Wisconsin. Bishop Garth arrived in China only on December 31 last on his first assignment.

Mrs. and Mr. Robert A. Vick of Cheshire, Connecticut and their two children, Paul, ten months old, and Theodore, who is three. The Vicks are American Baptists (North).

The Canadian passengers were: Mrs. Frank Miller and her three sons, Peter, Paul and Philip, who were en route to join Mr. Miller of the China Inland Mission at Chengtu. They arrived recently from Vancouver, B.C. Mrs. Beatrice Kitchen of the United Church of Canada, whose husband and daughter proceeded her to Chungking by plane on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the other CNAC plane (No. 138) which has been missing since last Saturday with 15 passengers and a crew of three, bound for Chungking from Canton, is still the object of air and ground search today.—Reuter.

R.A.F. Crash In Singapore

Singapore, Jan. 29.
An R.A.F. Beau-fighter crashed this morning near Changi, Singapore Island. The pilot was killed and another officer, who was a passenger, was injured and taken to hospital.

The Beau-fighter crashed shortly after leaving Selat and burst into flames after striking the ground. The passenger managed to scramble out.

The pilot's body was found when the fire brigade had put out the fire.—Reuter.

New Move By Peak Tramway

The "China Mail" understands that negotiations between the Peak Tramways and the striking employees have finally broken down.

The Company, it is understood, are advertising in the Chinese press for a complete new staff to replace the strikers. At the same time they are announcing that any old employees who wish to stay with the Company on their former terms of employment can do so. The workers, 36 in all, walked out on the evening of Jan. 21 following the failure of the Company to concede their demands for increased pay and retirement pension.

NO DUELLING

Paris, Jan. 28.

The Paris police today warned a leading French lawyer and a former Vichy official that if they carried out their announced intention to fight a sabre duel, they would be arrested if the police found their rendezvous.

A challenge to a duel was made by Colonel Andre Groussard, former Vichy emissary to London, to Maitre Maurice Garkony as a result of the latter's successful defence last week of Rene Hardy, former resistance leader, who was acquitted of treason.—Reuter.

PARTITION MAY BE IMPOSED

London, Jan. 29.
The British Government may impose partition upon Palestine if the present negotiations with Arabs and Jews fail to produce any measure of agreement, a high Government source said today.

Although there has been no decision pending the outcome of the present Palestine conference in London the Cabinet, it was stated, has had two alternative proposals before it for consideration.

The first, submitted by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, would provide that Britain arbitrarily divide Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states if no Jewish-Arab accord was reached.

Under the alternative proposal, tentatively supported by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Britain would lay the problem before the United Nations and ask the General Assembly to sanction the imposition of partition by Britain, Britain would be prepared to hear suggestions and recommendations from other United Nations members.

While either proposal would mean the ultimate withdrawal of Britain from Palestine such withdrawal would obviously not be possible until order was assured.

Mr. Bevin and Mr. Creech Jones were to begin conversations with David Ben Gurion and Moshe Shertak today. Neither side held out any hope that they would result in Jewish participation in the conference, which resumes tomorrow. Mr. Bevin will then reply to the threat of Arab resistance to the partition proposal.—United Press.

Vietnamese Repulsed

Paris, Jan. 29.
Two companies of Vietnamese troops attempting to storm the French airport at Nam Dinh in Tongking were strafed by French Junker and Spitfire planes and fled, leaving 60 dead, according to reports from Hanoi.

Vietnamese elements had attempted to work their way into the town under the cover of darkness and had lit a number of fires, the French communiqué stated.

Vietnam reports described the plight of the French troops in Nam Dinh as "critical" and said that they were entrenched in the cotton works and were encircled by Vietnamese troops.—Reuter.

BANKER'S SUDDEN DEATH

London, Jan. 28.
Edwin Fisher, Chairman of Barclay's Bank, died within a few hours of being taken ill in the Queen's presence at Buckingham Palace and rushed to a London clinic in an ambulance.

Fisher had been called to the Palace yesterday afternoon to discuss private business with the Queen and during his talk he became ill and died last night.—Reuter.

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MAJOR BOXER'S LETTER Defence Counsel's Submission

Murder In Kowloon Village

A verdict of "Murder by a person or persons unknown" was returned by Mr. Blair-Kerr, Coroner, yesterday at the conclusion of the inquest on Lai Chok-mui, female, 28 years of age, who died at Tai Hum Village, Kowloon City, on the night of Nov. 17.

According to S/I Howarth, deceased was the concubine of Cheung Sang, who was captured and executed by the Japanese, and lived alone at an unnumbered hut in the village. She was of a very retiring disposition, and with the exception of her brother-in-law, was seldom seen in company.

She was last seen alive outside her hut at about 5 p.m. on the day of the tragedy. Six hours later, Li Kwai, a neighbour, was awakened by the barking of dogs and, on peeping through some holes in the tin walls of the hut, saw a large flashing in deceased's hut. She also heard a male voice saying, "Give it to me. Give it to me," accompanied by moans and sounds of choking.

On the return of her husband, Li Kwai told him what she had heard and together they aroused the villagers. They found deceased lying dead on the floor near the bed with two loops of rope around her neck, a gag in her mouth, and a piece of rope between the thumb and first finger of her right hand. She was lying face downwards with her legs open under the bed. A patch of blood was on the bed boards.

The Police found on the bed an oblong canvas bag containing HK\$130, CN\$9,000, and \$10 gold units. The appearance of the room indicated that deceased had been attacked while sitting on the bed and that there had been some struggle, said S/I Howarth. There were, however, no signs of the deceased having been criminally assaulted.

Devonshire Regt. Funerals

The funeral took place yesterday of the three members of the 1st Battalion The Devonshire Regiment who died as a result of the tragic road accident last Monday.

The burial was carried out with full military honours at Happy Valley Cemetery. Gun carriages of the 27th Field Regt. R.A., escorted by pall bearers and a firing party from the Devons, bore the coffins from the Monument, Gap Road, to the Cemetery. The burial service was conducted by The Rev. G. Hatt Lipscomb, The Rev. A. J. Ball, and The Rev. E. Harpur.

Wreaths were laid by representatives of the Army and the R.A.F. Among those present were Col. E. N. Clarke, representing the G.O.C., Lt. Col. M.C.D.L. Reynolds, and Lt. Col. H.A. Borrodale, C.O. of the Devons.

TO BE WED

The following forthcoming marriages are announced: Capt. Nicholas James Donald Williams, of 42 Compendo, Fanling, and Miss Dawn Vyvyan Hill, of 10 "Hillcrest", The Peak.

James Patrick Rush, electrical engineer, Tai Koo Dockyard, and Miss Maizie Mary Metcalfe, nursing sister, Kowloon Hospital.

Jorge Carlos Souza, clerk, 246 Tai Po Road, and Miss Joaquina Maria Nunes.

Mr. Salim Grafo, policeman, 128 Shanghai Street, and Miss Tam Yuen-ching.

During the period Jan. 19-25, 13 deaths from, and 18 cases of, smallpox were reported in Hong Kong and 32 deaths (40 cases) of tuberculosis. Total deaths from all causes were 223 and total births 593.

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MAJOR BOXER'S LETTER Defence Counsel's Submission

Two witnesses called to testify on behalf of Captain (Dr.) Saito Shunkichi told No. 5 War Crimes Court yesterday that the medical officer in charge of POW Camps in Hong Kong was a much overworked individual.

The first witness, Major Hiraio Yoshio, one-time Gendarmier Chief in Kowloon, told of having carried out a routine investigation into whether Saito was carrying out his duties efficiently when he learned that during the dysentery epidemic at the POW Camps in the early part of 1942 Saito had "carried out his duties almost without sleeping and resting."

He had also tried various methods of obtaining drugs and was "also asking at the Governor-General's office." He was unable to obtain a sufficient quantity and treated the patients with quite a lot of difficulty.

Later, Hiraio said, Saito treated the patients during the dysentery epidemic also "without sleeping and resting." He had experienced difficulty in obtaining serum but later obtained one lot of 5,000,000 units from Col. Eguchi.

Hiraio also told of having investigated the thefts of Red Cross parcels and of having traced the thefts to coolies employed by the Taiwan Transportation Company and another firm.

Corporal Seino, medical orderly at the Bowen Road Hospital described his superior officer, Captain Saito, as a very much overworked man who often spoke of the necessity of having another Japanese doctor to help him.

"Captain Saito was in charge of the diagnosis and treatment of about 300 employees of the POW Camps and the supervision of the POW medical staff," Seino said.

Much Excited

Seino also testified to having, on one occasion in April, 1943, seen Dr. Saito very much excited. "When I entered the room, Captain Saito was tearing up some documents. I asked him what the matter was and he replied he had just made a report to the Camp Commandant.

"The Camp Commandant makes alterations as he pleases to my documents," Dr. Saito told me. I asked him what the matter was. He said the document was in connection with medical affairs and that he had made his report from a medical point of view and if the Camp Commandant altered it as he pleased to save his face it was not so good. Captain Saito was very excited about it.

Seino told also of having accompanied the POW Intendant Officer at Bowen Road Hospital, Lieut. Campbell, on a tour of medical supplies storerooms in February, 1942, following a request from Lieut. Campbell regarding British Army drugs that the hospital wished to obtain.

He first went with Lieut. Campbell and Col. Thompson to Shaikwan. They found there that most of the drugs had been carried away. They then went to the hospital on the Peak which was then under control of the Japanese Military Hospital.

Favour Of Guard

By special favour of the guard he was allowed to look into the storeroom. Seino said, and he found that there were hardly any drugs left. He took what there was and brought it to Bowen Road. Next he went to the medical department of Hong Kong University. There he managed to obtain about half a truckful of drugs.

There at the Materials Depot in Kennedy Road he managed to obtain a further six cases of drugs for the hospital. He was told there by the corporal in charge that most of the stores had been sent to Canton.

Seino also remembered having gone with Dr. Saito to buy drugs at a dispensary in Queen's Road in July, 1943.

In another defence witness called yesterday was "Slap Happy" Inouye who testified to "Stodda" (the fourth accused before the Court) having only slapped Lt. Heldekooper twice. Lt. Wada, Inouye said, ordered three Japanese sergeant-major to administer five slaps each to the narado of Dyak rations after the discovery of a short-wave radio set in the Dutch quarters.

Defence counsel for Tokunaga, Mr. Fujita, introduced into the Court records a letter from Major Charles Boxer in relation to an account in the "China Mail" of the evidence of W.O. Lewis.

Major Boxer stated in this letter that the circumstances of his

OPIUM CHARGE

San Diego, Calif., Jan. 29. Robert Dudley Linville, 44, described as a big scale narcotic operator known in China and other foreign areas, pleaded guilty in a federal court to a charge of smuggling opium into the United States.

He will be sentenced on Feb. 10. Linville's assets at the time of his arrest in Phoenix, Arizona, some months ago totalled over \$400,000, including a \$175,000 account.—Associated Press.

St. Andrew's Church Meeting

The first postwar annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church was held at the Vicarage last evening with the Rev. J.H. Ogilvie, O.B.E., M.A., presiding.

Presenting the report of the Church Council, the Vicar referred to valuable assistance rendered by Canon Wittenbach, Archdeacon Shann, Rev. A.D. Stewart, Chaplains of the Services, the Navy, Army, and Air Force, the T.C.H. Service Club, and outgoing members of the Church Council during the past year.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. G.S.P. Heywood, welcomed the Rev. Ogilvie as Vicar and expressed the hope that his association with his parishioners would be a long and happy one.

The Accounts, showing a credit of \$20,854.17, were presented by Dr. Winterstein and passed.

The following were unanimously elected: Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Church of England: Messrs. G.T. Anderson and G.S.P. Heywood.

Representatives to the Diocesan Conference: Messrs. J. Marsden, Jeffries, G. B. Labrum, and Mrs. Perry.

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HAWKER DRIVE

Continuing their drive against hawkers selling fresh food outside the markets, the Shamshui Police conducted another raid on Tuesday and arrested Chan Chuen and Chan Mui. On the accused appearing before Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday, charged with selling fresh pork, they were fined \$75 each.

Wife's Maintenance Claim Approved

An application for an increase in the monthly payments granted under a Maintenance Order dated Nov. 14 last on the ground that respondent's income had been increased was made by Mrs. E. E. Field, represented by Mr. Marcus da Silva, against W. V. Field before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

In granting the application, His Worship made an order that the sum be increased from Jan. 1 from \$180 to \$260 a month. Mr. Silva was also awarded costs of the action, agreed at \$75, payable when defendant is in receipt of the back pay promised him.

In his application, Mr. Silva said that when the first order was made by the former magistrate, Mr. Horace Lo, Field was only employed on temporary basis, on a salary without any board arrangements. Since then, said counsel, Field has had an increase in salary plus full board and lodging, apart from which he had very recently received a cheque covering the full amount of his salaries for the 44 months of the Japanese occupation.

Defendant's position, continued Mr. Silva, was now sound as taking into consideration the high cost of board and lodging, his monthly income must be in the region of \$300 or \$1,000. Taking

the minimum of one-third as the basis, the maintenance order should be increased to \$300 per month, submitted counsel.

Only A Promise

In his reply, Field denied that he was in receipt of his back pay, but that he had only been promised that amount. His present salary, he said, was only \$500, inclusive of \$100 H.C. allowance, plus board and lodging. He offered to increase the allowance from \$180 to \$200 per month.

When shown the letter received by defendant confirming his appointment on a permanent basis, His Worship remarked that with board and lodging calculated Field's income would be in the neighbourhood of \$300 per month.

"I think you ought to give your wife \$260 per month," said His Worship.

Field: "The present arrangement (regarding his employment) is only temporary."

His Worship: "I will make the amount temporary."

Mr. Silva's application to have the increase retrospective to November last was refused by the Magistrate.

On defendant applying for a Court order restraining complainant from making a general nuisance of herself by going to his office, Mr. Silva explained that the reason why Mrs. Field went there was that she thought she could get the money due her by calling personally.

Counsel undertook to advise his client against a repetition of such actions. His Worship, warned Mrs. Field that he should be taken against her should she repeat her previous activities.

Ex-Constable Faces Collaboration Charge

Committal proceedings against Mohammed Asghar, former police constable, charged on 24 counts under the Defence Regulations commenced at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. E. H. Sainsbury.

Mr. O'Donovan, who prosecuted, said that accused joined the police force in 1937 and was attached to the finger print department. Following the surrender of Hong Kong, he joined the gendarmier and in 1944 was associated with Yamashita who figured prominently in the torture of so many people arrested during the occupation. Shortly after the liberation, accused was arrested.

Not much was known of accused's activities during his first two years with the gendarmes. From 1944 onwards, he was very active in assisting the Japanese and figured in the interrogation of Lai Chung-yui. Immediately following Lai's arrest, accused went to his house and demanded 5,000 yen.

Evidence would show that accused preyed upon the relatives of arrested persons and that he obtained a large total on the pretext that he could obtain the release of Lai. There then appeared to be a fall in his activities until 1946, when he figured in the

arrest of 41 persons, the majority of whom were Indians. He assisted in these arrests and was present at interrogations in connection with Mohinder Singh.

Preyed On Relatives

Visits were paid by accused to arrested persons' houses, and he obtained supposedly for the benefit of prisoners, medicine and money, but these were never given to the prisoners.

It was part of the Crown's case that accused enriched himself at the expense of anxious persons ready to do all they could to relieve the sufferings of imprisoned relatives.

Lai Chung-yui, former police photographer, said he was arrested in 1944. He was interrogated ten times and when he refused to confess was sentenced to 10 years by a Japanese court. His two brothers were also arrested. One died before his trial.

The case was adjourned till this morning.

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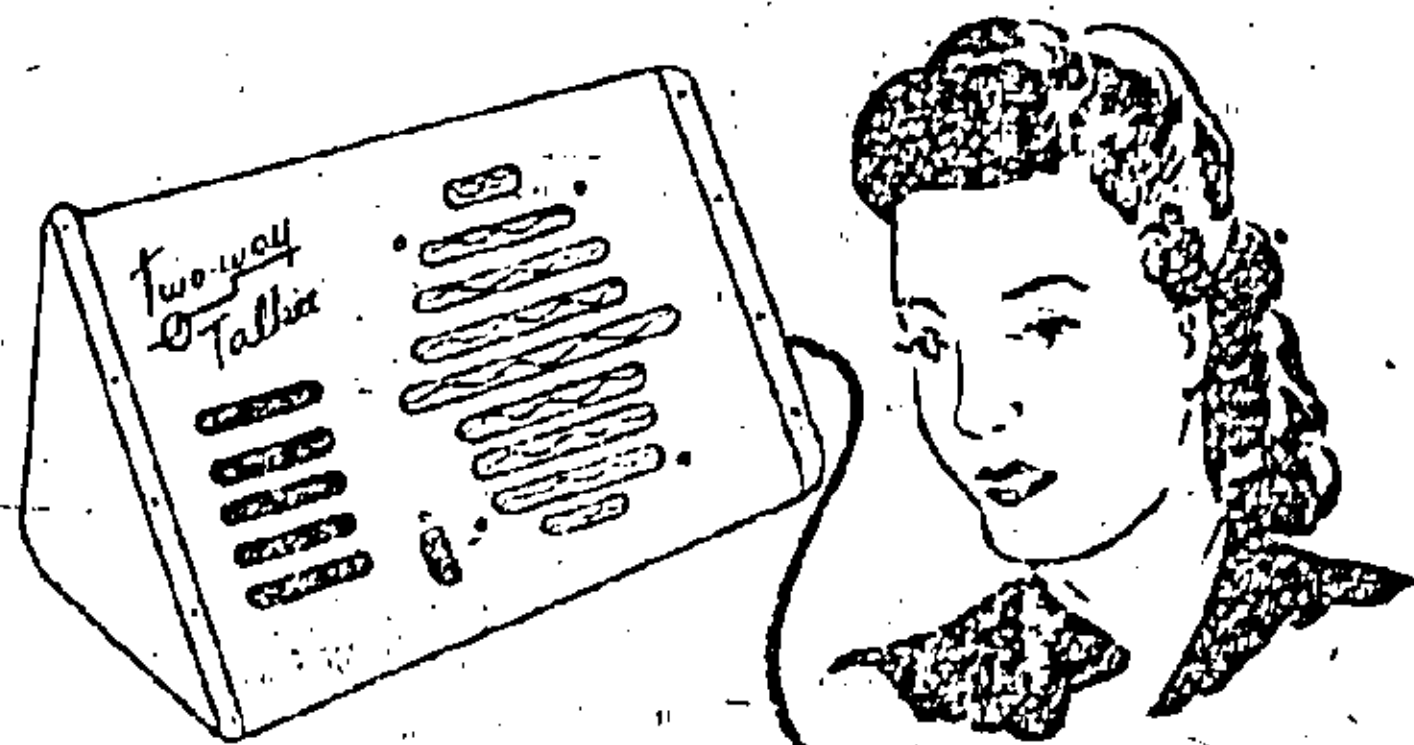
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BRITAIN AND HONG KONG

The somewhat sudden discovery in London of interest in Hong Kong and its future development is flattering to the point, almost, of embarrassment. True, it would be more satisfactory and reassuring were there any evidence that those who have assumed unto themselves a personal interest in the Colony's destiny had some practical knowledge of what they have been talking about, but even so, it is at least comforting to note that the fact of the Colony's existence is beginning to gain recognition. One encouragement can always be derived from a situation in which the Secretary of State for the Colonies is belaboured with questions in the House of Commons, particularly in the present Parliament, by members of his own party. The more progressive elements in the local administration and the wider community can work on their pet projects for the general welfare in firmer confidence in the results of any such talk might develop with the "Old Gang" and come to an issue. Nor that there was anything in Mr. Barnett Janner's lengthy question to inspire enthusiasm. His close affinity with the special article in "The Times" was all too obvious. In essence, it revealed the same woolly-mindedness and carried the same implications, few of which are at all justified. Had Mr. Janner stopped at urging the desirability of establishing a regime at Hong Kong which would provide a working model of a progressive and democratic community for the benefit of the people of the Far East, it might have been possible to applaud the objective, even while entertaining private doubts about the immediate practicality of any substantial advance. But the remainder of the question was more important than the preamble insofar as it exposed complete ignorance of local conditions. One suspects, indeed, that Mr. Creech-Jones replied with his tongue in his cheek when he announced that His Excellency the Governor has asked for the appointment of a Political Adviser with experience in China and that the Colonial Office was taking steps to give effect to this proposal. Mr. Janner clearly envisaged political advisers to be entrusted with the task of political education within the Colony and the thrusting of the greatness of Democracy upon us. His Excellency the Governor undoubtedly had in mind a Political Adviser whose main responsibility would be the maintenance of cordial relations between Hong Kong and China, and whose least concern would be social changes within the Colony linked with an advance to self-government. The suggestion that labour experts are required in the Colony to organise Hong Kong's "sweated labour" into a powerful trade union organisation, also betrayed Mr. Janner into a confession of ignorance. Those in Hong Kong who since the liberation have had close dealings with the Chinese artisan classes have had sharp reminders that labour guilds have been powerful in China over several centuries and that their organisation within the Colony today can scarcely be described as inefficient, despite the lack of palatial premises on the parallel of Transport House. That there is poverty in Hong Kong is undeniable. It is, however, equally true that the general mass of the Chinese population is better off today than probably ever before the Colony's history. As fast as newcomers from China are absorbed into local trade and industry, and find jobs that lift them to some extent, at all events, out of the poverty class, even large numbers pour in to take their place in the free congee queues. If those who are persuaded that Hong Kong can be converted into a modern Utopia as an example to Asia can also suggest the appropriate answer to that problem, it would indeed be useful, which is more than can be said for much of the advice which has been so generously proffered.

BALANCING THE EAST AGAINST THE WEST

By P.W.

Czechoslovakia now is mobilizing her man power in a two-year plan designed to carry her through the current conflict between Russia and the Western world.

Over-all production is to be boosted 10 per cent above the prewar level despite a 20 per cent cut in population.

It is a stop-gap plan. Czechoslovakia looks to profit by a settlement between Russia, the U.S. and Britain; hopes to provide a bridge for East-West commerce.

To be successful, the Czechoslovak must maintain a dangerous balance.

A slip to the East might lead the U.S. and Britain to refuse all credits and purchase of any goods. Talks on a \$50,000,000 Export-Import Bank loan from the U.S. have been suspended.

A slip to the West might bring Russian pressure which could wreck Czechoslovakia's economy beyond repair. Moscow is suspicious of all deals with the Western powers.

At home, economy must be balanced anew. The 2,700,000 Germans in Czechoslovakia before the war managed and, to a large extent, manned nearly one half of the country's industrial production. They gave Hitler an excuse for partitioning Czechoslovakia in 1938. Now the Czechs and Slovaks have ousted more than 2,000,000. Of 500,000 Hungarian peasants, the basis of Hungary's wartime annexation of portions of Czechoslovakia, 300,000 accepted Slovak citizenship, but the rest are to go. Such moves together with war deaths and the loss of Ruthenia to Russia, leave 11,000,000 Czechs and Slovaks.

Short Term Policy

Short-term planning is the Czechoslovak formula for survival through what she hopes is to be only a temporary period of world division. Czechoslovakia would prefer to set sights on targets five years ahead, like the British, or 15 years ahead, like the Russians. But the six parties in the Government, from Communists to Catholic conservatives, agree that the nation can afford only a two-year plan to be put through with the minimum of outside help.

This plan became effective on January 1. On that date, all of Czechoslovak industry, 75 per cent nationalized, were geared to a new structure to reach new levels of production. Mobilization of man power has begun already. Hundreds of thousands of workers now employed by the Government or in business offices are to shift to industry. Slovak farmers are being moved to Czech factories. There is to be a 40 per cent increase in productivity per man-hour industry. Under this two-year plan Czechoslovakia is to make fewer goods like glass and porcelain which once went west, more capital goods, like locomotives and machinery, that are to build up to the nation's own recovery and be exported to Russia and the nations within her sphere of influence.

Industrial Shift

The industrial shift thus planned is to take advantage of changes made by the German during occupation to capture a large portion of Germany's prewar markets in the Balkans. The Nazis developed Bohemia as a centre of war production. Heavy armour and guns were produced in the expanded Skoda works; the production of brown coal for synthetic fuel was developed; industrial capacity was increased by the construction of power plants in Slovakia.

From this case, the Czechoslovaks are to aim at new targets. The annual production of freight cars is scheduled to rise from a prewar 1,400, to 15,000 by the end of 1948; locomotives from 70 to 220; tractors from 600 to 9,999. The two-year target for the output of agricultural machinery is set at 33 per cent above present output. Coal is to be 17 per cent more; iron and steel up 37 per cent.

Sufficient food for the nation is to be raised at home by greater mechanization of agriculture. Co-operatives organized by the state are being formed to get the most out of equipment. The country is

practically self-sufficient in foodstuffs save for fats and oils.

Goodwill Abroad

Long-term diplomacy is designed to bulwark home planning with credits, markets and good will abroad. Edward Benes, now 62 and ill, still is the real chief of Czechoslovak diplomacy. He is respected in all capitals abroad, while at home he is the cement holding the major parties together. Probable heir to the Presidency is his Foreign Minister, Jan Masaryk, (pronounced mah-sah-ryk) son of Thomas G. Masaryk, founder of the Republic.

In domestic affairs, Benes, President of Czechoslovakia gets along well with his Premier, Communist Klement Gottwald. In world affairs Jan Masaryk gets along less well with his Vice Minister, Communist Vladimir Clementis. It was Clementis not Masaryk, who drew the anger of the U.S. delegation at the Paris Peace Conference by applauding vigorously when the Russians said American loans and credits were attempts to enslave Europe.

U.S. frigidity toward Czechoslovakia dates from this incident. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes came back to Washington to suspend Export-Import Bank negotiations for the loan to Prague. Washington also reported Czechoslovakia was trying to sell off surplus property obtained from the U.S. on credit to Rumania, a Soviet satellite, at a 7 per cent profit.

Camouflage

Prague says Washington's report of the Rumanian deal is only camouflage for American pique at the way Czechoslovakia voted at the Peace Conference. According to the Czechoslovaks they submitted a proposal to Washington that the surplus property they could not use be sold to Rumania in only after such a plan was suggested by a U.S. Treasury official. The 7 per cent, they say, was not to be profit, but a carrying charge.

Masaryk, now in New York at the head of the Czechoslovak delegation to the United Nations, is trying to smooth over these difficulties. He is saying that the votes at Paris represent Czechoslovak policy, not just Moscow's will. He is speeding agreement for pay-

ment of compensation to Americans whose property was seized and nationalized in Czechoslovakia.

What Prague now wants from the U.S. is a trade agreement, still under negotiation, and U.S. support for a loan from the World Bank amounting to at least a sizable portion of the \$350,000,000 the Czechoslovaks are asking. Chances are that Czechoslovakia may get both. Much depends on her relations with Russia.

Russia is willing to help an independent Czechoslovakia, at least for the present. Russia has given Czechoslovakia many factories the Germans built, which Russia could claim in reparations. One reason for Russia's attitude is that Czech trade with Russia is to reach 30 per cent of total exports, compared to little more than 1 per cent before the war. Another reason, say, Czechoslovaks, is that Russia is interested in their test of how to make Western democracy work with Russian communism.

This experiment has made Czechoslovakia a strange mixture of East and West. Hollywood's films compete with Russian films; U.S. and British news agencies serve Prague newspapers on a commercial basis; their news gets a better showing than the free service supplied by Moscow. Czechs and Slovaks dance to American music, but they are more interested in socialism than in capitalism.

Powers Wary

Czechoslovak patriotism makes all the powers wary of judging the nation by appearances. Russia knows that Eduard Otruba a Right-Wing industrialist, joined the Communist Party only as he became chairman of the Government's Economic Council. Britain knows that the Bata shoe factories, Europe's largest, are producing with the same efficiency under the same foremen, though profits now go to the state. The U.S. is aware that, though Czechs may name a coal mine for President Truman, their own President Benes still must get along with Russia.

Result of economic and diplomatic action are showing, already. Living standards in Czechoslovakia are higher, liberties are greater than those of her neighbours. But, for Czechoslovakia, the profits of peace are to be secured only when the U.S., Britain and Russia find their own formula for making democracy and communism get along together.

Seven Women In Every Bed!

London, Jan. 28.
Mr. Worldworth Gold, a 65-year-old Korean, is one of the most ardent one-worlders, and

By DAN L. THRAPP

also one of the most violent. He wants to achieve the objective by rockets and autogyros.

"Then we can have utopia," he said, "three chickens in every pot and seven women in every bed."

—Monogamy, he thought, was an outgrowth of marriage, a racket promoted for the license fees and by the flower industry.

He foresees a world-made heaven in which money totally disappears and the barter system prevails.

"I shall be the monarch," he told the United Press in an interview which followed his unannounced visit to its offices. "Of course I shan't be monarch because I want power," he modestly explained. "But who else could be? No one else is planning the same sort of heaven, so that leaves me king."

"Personally," he confided, "I don't know what I'd do with three chickens. I can eat only half of one—it's a big one." Mr. Gold, whose clothing is as bizarre as his ideas, shuffled into the office and presented his idea in an explosion of gestures and moist, verbal sound effects.

"Every country is working on atom bombs," he said. "That is wrong, for it means destruction. Instead of that they should work to construct."

He believes the best thing to concentrate on is more rapid system of communications. The V-2, he thinks, could be adapted by means of a complicated system of auxiliary motors, to carry passengers safely.

Everyone should have his individual personally fitted autogyro, "Then," said Mr. Gold, "you would have to just reach back here and turn a switch, demonstrating turning a switch where one probably would be 'and traffic doesn't worry you any more.'"

He rattled the glass beads which adorned his red, blue, and green costume, a garb designed himself, he said, and revealed his basic aim:

"I want to push back the walls, the ceiling and the floor," he said. He tested the floor with a slipper. "Yes, with an autogyro you could push back the floor, too."

He thought the Germans should be put in charge of adapting the V-2 for passenger service and in development of the personally-fitted autogyro, because, he said they were the most advanced scientifically of all nations. The autogyro, he thought, should resemble a collapsible umbrella with propeller attached.

Mr. Gold, who escaped from Korea, as a refugee from the Japanese, in 1904, lived in the United States until 1913, when he came to Britain. He served in the British Army in France in 1918, he said, and had a campaign ribbon to prove it. "Nobody else in the world is thinking like I do," he said. "I am the world's only Analytical Professor."—United Press.

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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DON'T FALSE-CARD THEN

When opposed by a superlatively keen card-reader, it is often better for a declarer to play his cards naturally, rather than try to mislead the defense by tricky tactics. Playing on a trick the highest card you can afford is sometimes more enlightening to the opposition than using the natural lowest card. If he can tell from the cards on the trick that somebody is playing falsely, he can be pretty sure it is you instead of his partner. And he will usually figure out what illusion you are striving to create.

S. K 10 8
H. 10 9 7 6 4
D. Q 3
C. J 10 6

S. 5 4 3 2
H. 3 2
D. 10 9 8 7 6 5
C. A K 9 7 5 4 3 2

S. A Q J 6
H. A K Q 8 5
D. K
C. Q 8 2

(Dealer: East, East-West vulnerable.)

East South West North
Pass 1 H 2 C 2 H
Pass 3 S 2 C 4 H

At every table of a duplicate game, South was the declarer at 4-Hearts and every West opened his club K. At every table but two South made the natural play of the 2. Where West saw the 2 and 3 on the trick, he could be sure that either East had a singleton and South three cards, or else South had a singleton and East three cards. Since South had already located nine of his cards by the bidding, and East had given no information on

his West decided South was more likely to hold the singleton. So he shifted then to the diamond J on the second lead. East won that, but the defense could get only one more trick, as trumps were cleared and the discard of a club limited the defenders to just one more trick.

At one table where South false-carded with the Q, West fell for it and decided it was a singleton, so shifted to a diamond and thus helped declarer home. But at the other table where the Q was played, West was a real card-reader, Edgar F. Tierney, of Springfield, Mass. He reasoned thus: "East having played the 3, and the 2 not appearing, he is either giving a high-low from the 3 and 2, or has a singleton. For if East had three cards, they would have to be the 2, 3 and 8, in which event he would have played the 2, his lowest." So Mr. Tierney repeated clubs and beat the contract.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. 10 6 4 2
H. A 7 5 3
D. J 9
C. 8 7 4

S. K Q J
H. 10 9 8
D. 5 3
C. K Q 2

S. None
H. 4
D. A K Q 10 8 6
C. J 10 9 6 5 3

(Dealer: North; Neither side vulnerable.)

What bidding would you recommend on this deal, and what would you consider the natural cards by the bidding, and East had given no information on

Serious Breaches In Security

Washington, Jan. 28.
David Lilienthal, chairman-designate of the Atomic Energy Commission, declared today that there had been serious breaches in United States atomic security since the end of the war. Lilienthal told the joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee that publication of scientific material on atomic energy in the United States made his Commission's position ludicrous.

He said publication of the Smythe report shortly after the bombing of Hiroshima had been a breach of national security.

In answer to a question, he said he could not answer whether the Smythe report brought some countries two or three years nearer the secret of making atomic bombs. He declared that the entire question of publication of scientific information on atomic energy needed going into.

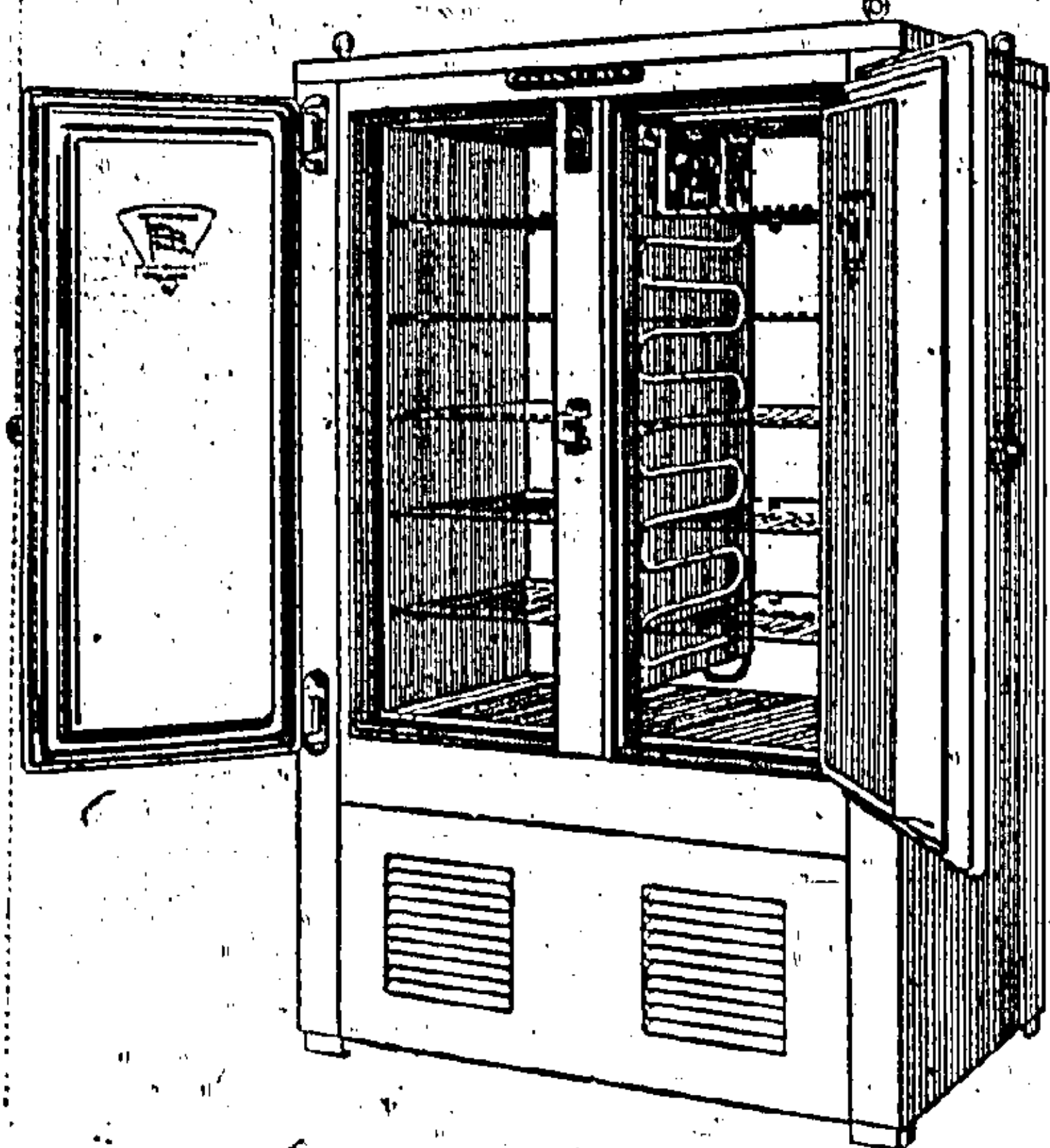
"You cannot maintain security if you are a laughing stock," Lilienthal said. Asked if he were concerned over breaches of security through the operation of foreign agents in the United

States, Mr. Lilienthal said, the subject was of intense interest but that he would prefer to discuss it in closed sessions.

Police System

He assured the Committee that civilians on the Commission would not attempt to keep secrets from the Army and the Navy, but added that it would be impossible to achieve atomic security with a police system and threats of punishment. Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of War Patterson characterized as "wholly unwarranted" reports that the War Department feared a civilian commission would not properly safeguard atomic secrets.—United Press.

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JEWIS RELEASE "HOSTAGES" Judge Turned Loose From Crate In Tel Aviv Mr. Creech-Jones' Statement

Jerusalem, Jan. 28. Major H. Collins and Judge Windham, the two Britons who were captured by Jewish terrorists and held as hostages have been released, according to unconfirmed reports here. Gershon Hirsh, the official spokesman for the Jewish Agency, told the press tonight that Major Collins had been released and the police had been warned to pick him up outside Jerusalem. Later the Palestine Government's information office announced that Judge Windham had been released from a crate in front of Kesson Cinema on the Tel Aviv waterfront. An "official communiqué" issued tonight by the Irgun Zvai Leumi stated that details of the release of the two men will be given tomorrow on the secret radio transmitter.

The police subsequently reported that the terrorists had phoned police headquarters in Jerusalem and told the duty officer to search all roads on the outskirts of the town where they would find Collins.

Irgun's communiqué stated that this action was not because of the threat of martial law but because the sentence on the terrorist Dov Gruener has not yet been carried out.

The Jewish Council, the highest representative body of Palestine Jewry is meeting tonight to review the implication of statutory martial law due to be imposed tomorrow on certain areas from 5 p.m.

General Sir Miles Dempsey, Commander-in-Chief of the British Middle East Land Forces, arrived in Jerusalem today from Cairo. He was the guest tonight of Sir Alan Cunningham, the High Commissioner, in a strongly guarded Government House.

Martial Law

The enforcement of martial law, which will include military occupation, the withdrawal of civil administration and the cessation of telephones, postal and customs facilities in the areas affected, is the first measure of its kind since the present terror campaign began.

Dov Gruener, 33-year-old terrorist whose death sentence is believed to have been the cause of the recent kidnappings, has been seen today by the learned Chief Rabbi Herzog, who pleaded with him to authorize his counsel to seek leave to appeal to the British Privy Council on his behalf.

Gruener replied: "I am not interested." Meanwhile, in London, Mr. Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, in the House of Commons today, warned that the course recently taken by events in Palestine must lead to the placing of the country under full military control with all that implied. He was commenting on the recent kidnapping outrages and he disclosed that Major Collins was believed to be seriously injured. Judge Windham was not



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DIFFERENCES OF OPINION

London, Jan. 28. Burton Winterman has resigned from the London Liberal daily "News Chronicle" after a period of 14 years as a reporter, foreign correspondent and chief leader writer.

In his letter of resignation, he states: "For some time I have found myself in growing disagreement with the paper's policy towards Russia, as revealed in its editorials and in its selection of news and features. It is now clear that the differences between us are too great to be bridged."—Reuter.

Agency, which I regret has not been forthcoming to the extent essential for preventing these acts of terrorism.

"The British Government will continue to give their unreserved support to the Palestine civil and military authorities in applying all possible measures for bringing a speedy end to these despicable evils.

Solemn Appeal

"I make one more solemn appeal to the leaders of the community and to each individual Jew to recognise the end to which such crimes must lead and prove that they have the will and power to maintain the ordinary decencies of civil life and the essential conditions for the continuance of the civil Government.

"I warn Jews in Palestine and those who condone such brutalities that the course recently taken by events must lead to the placing of the country under full military control with all that implies."—Reuter.

"Arctic" Europe

London, Jan. 28. Coal - short England shivers as the coldest wave this winter persists and a raging blizzard sweeps across the Channel, while icy winds have brought visibility down to zero at times.

Snow, falling on the seventh consecutive day in parts of England, drifted to heights of four and five feet on many country roads.—United Press.

Yellow Snow

Belgrade, Jan. 28. Yellow snow fell in Belgrade on Sunday, the Yugoslav meteorological service reported today.

The phenomenon was caused by fine sand dust being blown from North Africa, experts said. The last report of "yellow" snow in this part of Europe was received in 1931.—Reuter.

Canals Frozen

Paris, Jan. 28. Temperatures dropped to 16 degrees as the cold wave, which has already caused two deaths, sweeps France with no relief in sight.

Canals in Northern France are frozen, blocking coal shipments.—United Press.

Severe Cold

Berlin, Jan. 28. Twenty-one persons died from the effects of the recent severe cold wave in Schleswig-Holstein, it was officially announced today.—United Press.

Troops Hunting For Terrorists

Jerusalem, Jan. 28. British troops this morning swung into action in the Tel Aviv district when they started meticulous house-to-house searches in the Petah-tikva Jewish colony about 20 kilometres north-west of Tel Aviv. This colony is believed to be a hotbed of Irgun Zvai Leumi terrorists.

Throughout the night troops took up positions in the entire district although Tel Aviv city was empty of civilians except for shopkeepers who misunderstood the curfew and appeared in the deserted streets. They were allowed to close their shops and went back home.

Later the British authorities lifted the curfew on Tel Aviv at the request of the city's mayor, Israel Rokach, "in order to give the terrorists the chance to return the kidnapped men, H. I. Collins and Judge Ralph Windham."

A curfew will be imposed again in Haifa and Jerusalem from 5 p.m. until six a.m. tomorrow. The curfew extends to roads connecting Haifa with Jerusalem but will not affect Tel Aviv.

Out Of Bounds Jerusalem has been placed out of bounds to all British troops until further notice. All ranks are instructed to restrict movement, particularly after dark, to "essential duty journeys."

There are unconfirmed reports in Palestine that Gruener might be hanged today.—United Press

ROTARY FOUNDER DIES

Chicago, Jan. 28. Paul P. Harris, Chicago solicitor and founder in 1910 of the "National Association Rotary Club" which became the "Rotary International" in 1922 died here today at the age of 78. He was the first President of both Rotary organisations and travelled extensively, visiting Rotary clubs around the world.—Reuter.

upon anti-Semitism as a sin and who repeatedly protested against the wicked crimes committed on the Continent against the Jews, are deeply grieved and disappointed over the failure of the Jews to have taken a stronger line against the terrorists."—Reuter.

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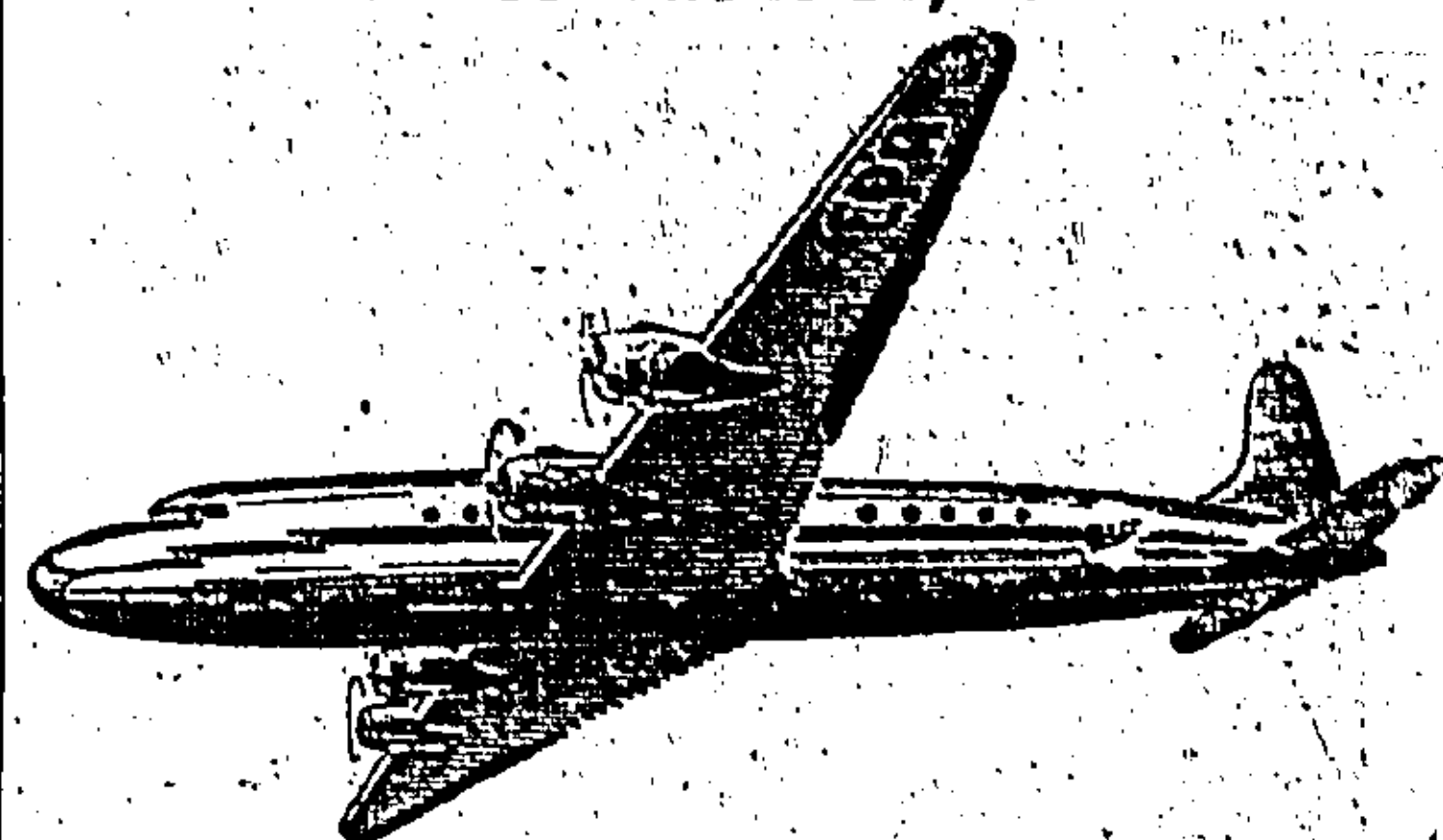
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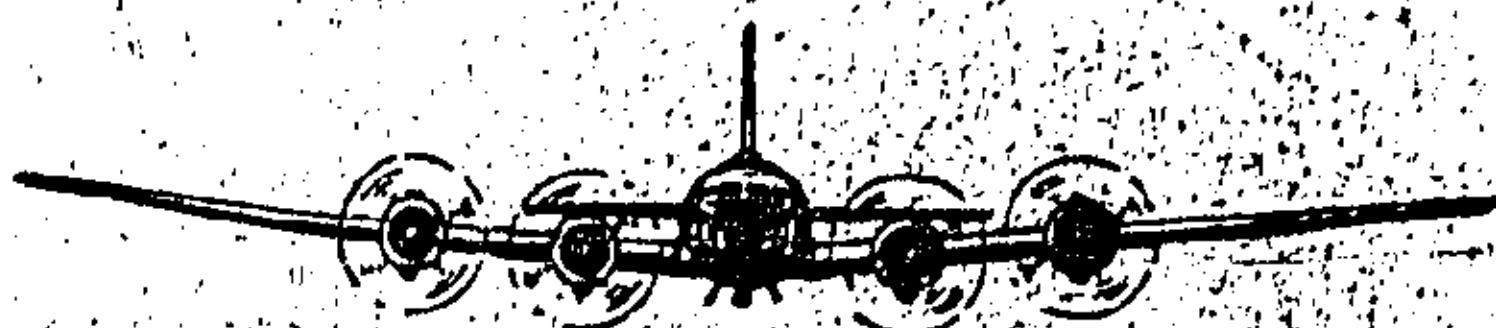


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Gloominess Fashionable In United Kingdom

London, Jan. 28.

People overseas should not be deceived by the gloominess which is fashionable here just now. It has a special internal motive. The minister most concerned with national comfort intends to "degloom" shortly.

The British are complicatedly nagging themselves into helping themselves by admitting foreign workers whose help they desperately need and who are desperately anxious to come.

One minister thinks that the solution of the immediate coal labour problem will be Italian rather than Polish miners, because British miners know that the Italians, after cutting five million tons of coal here for Italy, will want to go home—after feeling the British climate Italians always do—whereas the Poles will never go.

What has kept the coal shortage to a minor instead of a major calamity, (though its effects on Britain's external position are a major calamity) is that Irish miners were admitted some time ago.

Ruhr coal production under British administration is now achieving post-war records almost daily though still grossly inadequate.

Sooner Or Later

A very high minister privately promises that sooner or later Britain's Socialist Government will do some national planning. After 18 months, the Socialist Government of Britain still lacks any budget of national resources which is ordinarily regarded as a prerequisite of practical socialism and notorious difficulties have arisen in producing one.

The United States got one from President Truman this month. France has an excellent one, produced not by a Socialist or Communist but by an eminent business man, M. Monnet.

Meanwhile, an imminent announcement in Socialist Britain will be the restoration of private enterprise and trading in the most important international commodity—a commodity in which the recent United States trend has been towards governmental monopoly trading.

In spite of Wall Street's weakness, the London Stock Exchange recently reached all-time records and last week's reaction is regarded as merely a technical correction.—Reuter.

H.K. Stock Exchange

H.K. Stock Exchange quotations yesterday:

H.K. Govt. Loans: 4% 107½; 3½% 102½;

Banks: H.K. Bank 146½; 147½; Bank of East Asia 12½;

Insurance: Canton Ins. 370½; 380½; Union Ins. 67½; 68½; H.K. Fire Ins. 24½;

Shipping: Union Waterworks 27½; 28½; 29½;

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Industrial: Canton Ice 11½; 11½; 12½; 13½; H.K. Ice 9½; 9½; 10½;

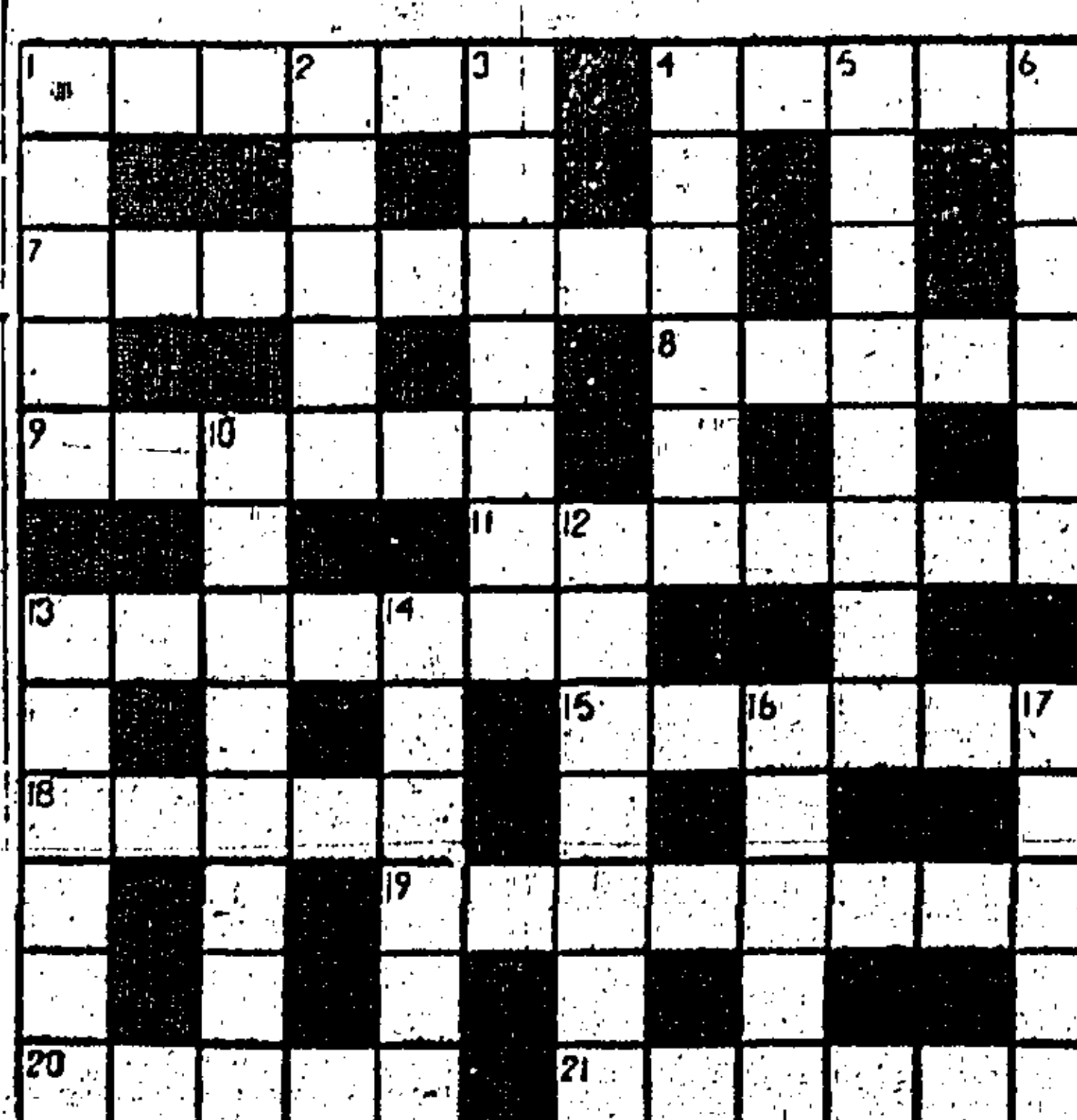
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Kwang Sang Hung 18½; Wing On (H.K.) 7½; Wm. Powell 3½; Mitsuboshi 11½; 11½; 12½; Mar-mara 11½; (H.K.) 9½; 9½;

London, Jan. 28.

The Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Leopold Figl, accompanied by a number of Austrian delegates, arrived in London tonight to present Austria's case to the conference of Foreign Ministers' Deputies working on the Austrian peace treaty.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- Pickle ingre.
- Giving out.
- Alms.
- Up-to-date.
- Stamper.
- Literary com-10.
- Stranger positions.
- Rascal.
- Beverage.
- Spirit.

Yesterday's Crossword

- ACROSS:—1. Acts; 4. Leisure; 6. Cope; 9. Dodo; 10. Callous; 11. Room; 12. Wife; 14. Lenient; 17. Ready; 19. Begin; 22. Pierced; 26. Merit; 27. Comb; 28. Pelican.

Clues Down

- Muscular.
- Longing.
- Indicative.
- Dens.
- Unlawful.
- Metal.
- Flat plate.
- Revenue.
- White.
- Flat along.
- Bounded.
- Cherish.
- Alum; 30. Doll; 31. Cluster; 32. Mite.
- Down:—2. Coddle; 3. Scored; 4. Local; 5. Enamel; 6. Salmi; 7. Roush; 12. Wrap; 13. Lure; 15. Edge; 16. Tend; 18. Decade; 20. Embalm; 21. Induct; 23. Ideal; 24. Rails; 25. Donor.

London Exchanges

London, Jan. 28.

On New York 4.077, 4.032, Montreal 4.077, 4.032, Zurich 17.31, 17.30, Stockholm 14.37, 14.36, Buenos Aires unquoted.

Brasil 75.416, Brazil (setters) unquoted. Uruguay unquoted. Belgium 178.80, 174.75, Paris & French Empire 479.65, 480.30, Syria 850, 855, Lichen 57.00, 120.25, Swiss Bank Notes Middle 17.25, 17.20, Netherlands West India 7.50, Netherlands East India 10.00, 10.70, Holland 16.65, Panama 4.22, 4.24, Sea-mach 10.32, 10.35, France 201, 200, Norway 15.58, 15.62, Palestine 92.5, 100.5, Philippines 5.05, 5.12.

Forward rates, one month United States 3 p.m. D. Canada 3 p.m. D. Switzerland 1 p.m. D. Sweden 1 p.m. D. 14 p.m. D. Paris 4 p.m. D. 40 cents, 40 cents, Holland 1 cent, 1 cent.

Bank of England clearing rates: India 44.00, 44.10, 71.25.

Free market rates: India 17.04, 18.06, Australia 125, 125.50, New Zealand 144.37, 125, South Africa 100, 100.50, Tehran 125, 130, Alexandria 91.85, 97.02, Singapore 2.4/4.15, 1.4/4.15, Hongkong 12.15/16, 1.3/1.16, Philippines 3.10, 3.15, Rangoon 1.5/1.16, 1.6/1.16, Shanghai unquoted.

Special A/C rates: Lima 28.10, 28.14, Lagos 108.62, 178.22, Valparaiso 100.625, 101.805, Turkey 1128.40, 1189.88, Uruguay 7.15, 7.20.

Central American A/C rates: Mexico 10.45, 10.65, Bogota 7.00, 7.04.—Reuter.

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"AMMLA"	U.K.	Mid Feb.
"RANCHI"	U.K.	End Feb.
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Britain's Housing Programme

London, Jan. 28. Britain's housing programme for 1947 was announced in a White Paper today by Minister of Health Aneurin Bevan. It depends for its success on increased supplies of timber from abroad, including Russia.

The Minister hopes to see 240,000 houses completed during the year and 200,000 more under construction by December, but it all depends on timber imports.

Last year, only 800,000 standards of timber were imported whereas the average pre-war import was 2,300,000 standards, mainly from Scandinavia and Baltic countries and Canada.

It is realised that Sweden would readily supply timber if she could be sent British coal and Finland if she could be sent British steel.

Last year, 58,000 permanent houses and 92,000 temporary houses were completed in Britain, the White Paper states. This represents 75 per cent of the maximum that was hoped for.—Reuter.

Big Three Should Get Together

London, Jan. 28. The opinion that it would be a good thing if the "Big Three"—Attlee, Truman and Stalin—had another meeting before the German and Austrian peace treaties are finally thrashed out was expressed by Dr. Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, in an interview here today.

"It is not for me to suggest that they should meet," he said, "but the more often they meet the better. I repeat what I said at the San Francisco Conference—that as long as the big powers agree the 'little peoples' will be all right."

Regarding the German peace settlement, Dr. Masaryk said that he was all in favour of a centralised Germany.

Loyal

Speaking of his visit to the United States he said: "I had a very satisfactory talk with President Truman, who showed a lively interest in Czechoslovakian affairs and its troubles. The Czechs are loyal people—they live up to treaties—and give half a chance they can establish friendly relations with everybody."

The Czech Foreign Minister returns to Prague by special plane on Friday morning, following five and a half months' continuous stay abroad.—Reuter.

Royalty To Act As Censors

Bangkok, Jan. 29. Members of the Siamese royal house will sit on the special censorship board which will review "Anna and the King of Siam" due in Bangkok next month, according to the local 20th Century-Fox film office.

The advance copy has been seen by the police chief, Prince Isakorn, who predicted that the picture, which stars Rex Harrison as the king of Siam, and Irene Dunne, as the English governess, will not be cut. The film company said the film would not be shown in Bangkok censored. It approved "Anna and the King of Siam" will be shown at the Chalerms Krung cinema, which is Crown property.—Associated Press.

Troops Stand To In Amritsar

London, Jan. 28. Shortly after the Punjab Government had announced here today the immediate withdrawal of its ban on the Moslem League National Guards and the Hindu Sevak Sangh organisation, British troops were called out in Amritsar to stand by at police headquarters while Moslems were staging a demonstration against the ban.

Mr. S. C. Robinson, senior British Superintendent of Police, was seriously injured in Amritsar today while controlling one of the Moslem League processions held in defiance of the ban on demonstrations. The officer was hit across the head with a flagpole and taken to hospital with a fractured skull. He was said to be out of danger and progressing satisfactorily.

The English wife of Sir Piroz Khan Noon, Indian High Commissioner in London, was arrested in Lahore today while leading a procession of veiled Moslem women in defiance of the ban on processions.—Reuter.

"No Disturbances"

Madras, Jan. 28. Seventy-five leading Communists have been arrested throughout Madras Province since January 23 and detained in the central jail at Vellore, 150 miles from Madras, an official spokesman said here. "Complete order prevails in the province and there have been no disturbances of any kind as the result of the Communist roundup," he added.—Reuter.

Censorship

Lahore, Jan. 29. The Government of the Punjab imposed a 15-day censorship on news, ordered newspapers and agencies not to publish anything but official statements concerning any "agitation".—Associated Press.

FLOODS IN THRACE

Istanbul, Jan. 28. Twenty people were drowned and thousands fled from their homes when devastating floods swept the Adriatic area of Turkish East Thrace in the last 24 hours after torrential rains. The rivers Tundja and Arada overflowed, flooding a great part of the town of Adrianople, where over 200 houses were evacuated. Railway communications were disorganised.—Reuter.

Far Above The Average

Though some of the gags could count a double handful of little candles for their next birthday cake, the current fast-moving musical revue, "London by Night," is the best of its type yet to touch the Star Theatre stage.

That is already saying a good deal as we have had two or three very good companies there.

"London by Night" owes its success to a galaxy of star performers and, particularly, to the fact that it moves at a terrific pace and that the short intervals when the curtain is down, are filled in by comedian Ken Douglas at his most original.

Nan Kennedy scores on first appearance and would have stolen with her impression of Will Fyfe were she in average company.

The company, however, is far above average. Carmelita Lawless plays Chopin's "Polonaise" with a touch that the best local professionals would envy and Sylvia Morraine gives the same type of stuff as Dinah Shore with an original personality and a vim that makes the boys restless.

A piano act that is a scream from start to finish, a decorative pair of dancers and Negro Ballet suggest after yesterday's full house that early booking will save disappointment.—V. V. K.

LOS ANGELES CONFESSION

Los Angeles, Jan. 29. A 33-year-old transient last night confessed to the torture and murder of "Black Dahlia" Elizabeth Short.

The man, who gave his name as Daniel Voorhes, met the police on a street corner and went with them to jail. He told the police: "I killed her but I will not give any details. I am sick."

The police placed little credence in his story but are checking to learn if he was the person who sent the note asking for terms of surrender. Voorhes said he was from Phoenix, Arizona.—United Press.

Shanghai, Jan. 28. The Central Bank of China continued to keep the open market rates on gold bars and United States dollars in check by selling gold-bars. Today's sales were reported to total 13,000 ounces.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Jerusalem, Jan. 29. A mysterious caller who said he was an Argunist spokesman told a newspaper bureau here today: "We have been unable to release Collins until now but he is being released shortly."

The speaker, hung up abruptly and there was no clue regarding the authenticity of the message.

The anonymous call came as High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham conferred for more than two hours with Generals Sir Miles Dempsey and Sir Evelyn Barker and members of the Palestine Government Executive Council.

If Collins is not found by 5 p.m. today it is expected that certain areas of Palestine would be placed under statutory martial law.—United Press.

Trapani (Sicily), Jan. 29. A gang of 20 armed with sub-machine-guns and hand-grenades on Tuesday night halted the Salami-Santa Ninfa train and systematically robbed all the passengers. Loot was estimated at several million lire and consisted of a considerable amount of jewellery.—United Press.

ILO VISIT TO FAR EAST

Montreal, Jan. 28. An official International Labour Office mission will visit the countries of the Far East within the next few weeks, Mr. Edward Phelan, Organisations Director, announced today.

The purpose of the mission is to complete and verify the information in the reports prepared for the preparatory regional Asiatic conference of the International Labour Office, which is to be held at New Delhi in October, he said.

This conference is to be held in preparation for the first regional Asiatic conference of ILO in China in 1948.

Eleven officials of the ILO sections are to assemble at New Delhi on January 30, Mr. Phelan said. After this, the members will, singly and in groups, visit Indian provincial and state centres, China, Burma, the Malayan Union, Singapore, Siam, the Republic of the Philippines and Ceylon.—Reuter.

PEANUT HAWKER CASE SUMMONS

Ramzan Syed, police constable of the Emergency Unit, Kowloon, appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday afternoon summoned for assaulting Wong Shui-moon, a peanut hawker, on Oct. 26 in Portland Street.

Defendant, who pleaded not guilty, is represented by Mr. Leo d'Almeida, instructed by Mr. A. el Arculli. The prosecution is in the hands of Mr. A. J. Clifford, assisted by Inspector Maitram.

After the evidence of several witnesses, the case was adjourned till this afternoon.

MR. ATTLEE REBUKES MR. CHURCHILL

London, Jan. 28. Prime Minister Attlee today told the House of Commons that Burma had been given the choice of remaining in or leaving the British Commonwealth, but Winston Churchill charged that the scheme meant only that Britain must "pay and then go."

Attlee said Britain had agreed that Burma should achieve freedom and independence "within as short a time as possible." He said it was for the people of Burma to decide whether to remain in the Commonwealth.

He outlined the transitional means whereby the Burmese Constituent Assembly, to be elected in April, would frame Burma's new constitution. He added that British troops to repair war damage would be continued in the transitional period.

Churchill commented: "First we pay and then we go!" "The Right Honourable gentleman's logical faculty seems to have deserted him" Attlee responded: "There is no decision here to go. There is no decision to pay, for these are interim payments in the form of loans. It really cannot be reduced down to a proposition which is entirely inaccurate."

Churchill then asked Attlee to arrange for the House to debate "this dismal transaction."

Attlee said a debate would be arranged after the Burmese delegates had returned to Burma, but added: "I am hoping the debate will be no more dismal than the debate of 41 years ago, in which the Right Honourable gentleman had to suffer some criticism."

Burmese delegates told United Press they wished to make it clear that they were not prevented from seeking any change which may be outside existing provisions for the interim period.

They said it would be the task of the new Constituent Assembly to determine the new constitution of Burma within a period of one year, "which is the time limit set by the Burmese people for their country's independence."—United Press.

White Paper

London, Jan. 29. Additional details of the agreement reached during the

NORMAL TRADE WITH JAPAN OUT

Washington, Jan. 28. A U.S. State Department source said today that there was a "good possibility" that British and other businessmen with investments in Japan would be permitted to go there "within the very near future" to visit and inspect facilities, but that it would be on a "system of rotation" such as was used in Germany. The source added that he believed persons wishing to go to Japan "to purchase goods for export would be able to do so by the end of this year" but that that depended on developments.

Commenting on a report from London that British businessmen sought to return to take up normal pursuits there, the source said there was simply "no indication as to just when that would be possible on a permanent basis."

He said negotiations were going on here between the Foreign Office and the State Department and the latter was also discussing the matter with General MacArthur.

So far, General MacArthur had said it would be impossible to admit even buying missions for those with investments because of three factors:—

Firstly, lack of living facilities; secondly, dislocation of Japanese economy; thirdly, the fact that Japanese manufacturers were in a state of uncertainty concerning making commitments to deliver until they knew what reparations they would be required to pay. In connection with the latter point, the source said that was one reason the United States had been making efforts to get the members of the Far Eastern Commission to agree upon a reparations plan.

Meanwhile, United Press learned elsewhere that the State Department representative, Mr. Ross Whitman, who is on a food mission to Korea and the Kuriles with six other persons, also had as one of his principal duties that of discussing with the Supreme Commander in Japan the possibility of relaxing regulations concerning the admission of businessmen.—United Press.

Shanghai Well Beaten

Giving a performance much below the standard displayed in their two previous games, Shanghai were beaten by 3 goals to 1 at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon.

Shanghai fielded a fairly strong side, but were not able to get going. Though they had chances, not one of the forwards really tested Powell.

Robostoff was untiring but he always had the opening centre-half at his heels and was rarely allowed to move freely. Soong Ling-sing, inside left, played his worst game of the series and missed a sitter in the closing stages. Karlovich did not touch the form of his initial appearance.

Chong, in goal, gave another sterling display. The full-backs, Ng Kuei-chung and Meyer were the Shanghai mainstays, and but for their display, Shanghai would undoubtedly have gone down to a much heavier defeat.

The United Services gave an excellent exhibition, and were without a weak link in the entire line-up. Powell was seldom troubled and when he was called upon, he handled confidently. Of the backs, Crumney was slight better than Abrahams. Cashman, the pivot, did a good job watching Robostoff and opened up the play with well placed passes to Heggie and Ford. Anderson and Humble lent him good support.

In the attack, Heggie and Suckland were at times a dangerous pair and the greatest threat to the Shanghai defence.

After even play, Shanghai took the lead through Li Yiu, but United Services were soon on level terms, Suckland scoring with a magnificent shot. In the second half, United Services were on top and Chong was repeatedly called upon to handle confidently. A half-way on the right care rose to a misunderstanding between the backs, and Heggie gave the United Services the lead. Just before time, Crumney scored from a penalty.

Teams: United Services: Powell, Abrahams, Crumney, Humble, Cashman, Heggie, Suckland, Goldthorpe, Schultz and Ford. Shanghai: P. L. Chong, K. C. Ng, Meyer, P. C. Koo, F. T. Tan, L. H. Hon, Y. L. Chia, Karlovich, Robostoff, L. S. Soong and Y. L. Li.

NEWCASTLE BEATEN

London, Jan. 28. Playing at home in the Second Division, Burnley today beat Newcastle United by three goals to nil.—Reuter.

In a friendly hockey match on the eve of their departure from Hong Kong, 105 Ind. Mob. Workshop Coy. defeated the Buffs by 4 goals to three yesterday at Murray Parade ground. Hav. Lakra (3) and Nk. Laquib scored for the winners.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., and 9 to 11 p.m. also on 9.52 megacycles. H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary. 12.35 p.m.—"Broadcast to the Stars". 12.47 p.m.—Ladies' Hutchinson at the Piano.

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements. 1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude. 1.15 p.m.—Music from "Two David Balmis's Films".

1.25 p.m.—Elopera from Gilbert and Sullivan. 2.00 p.m.—Class Down. 2.30 p.m.—Studio: Children's Hour. 2.50 p.m.—Service Music Hour. 3.00 p.m.—London Relay News. 3.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.

3.15 p.m.—Mazzy Lane and His Gang. 3.20 p.m.—Orchestra and Kaimar Jal. 3.30 p.m.—Studio: "Sal Lamento at the Piano". 3.50 p.m.—London: Transcription of "Beethoven's 'The Piano'". 4.20 p.m.—Variety. 4.30 p.m.—London Relay: News. 4.40 p.m.—With Paul Hubsch. 4.50 p.m.—London Relay: "Twinkl Twinkl". 5.00 p.m.—Piano: Parades, "Alfalfa". 5.10 p.m.—Studio: "Mistaken". 5.20 p.m.—Studio: "The Piano". 5.30 p.m.—Studio: "The Piano". 5.40 p.m.—Studio: "The Piano". 5.50 p.m.—Studio: "The Piano".

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Striking Exhibition Of Objets d'Art

(By Margaret Bradbury)

More than five million dollars' worth of paintings, jade pieces, documents and antiques—forming the prized possessions of 60 well-known collectors in Hong Kong and Macao—were on show yesterday when the first exhibition of its kind to be held here since the war was opened at the Northcote Training College by Mr. T. W. Kwok.

Sponsored by the Sino-British Club and the Chinese Cultural Association, the display consists of more than one thousand articles which will be on show to the public every day until Saturday.

Main features of the collection are in painting, porcelain and jade. Among the jade relics is a ring which collectors believe to be more than 2000 years old.

Mr. Ma Man-fai, member of the Sino-British Club, who conducted me on a tour of the exhibition pointed out one of the most interesting pieces in the porcelain section, a painter's water container which dates from the fourth century.

Any student of Chinese history would be curious to inspect a rectangular tile of grey pottery, said to have been preserved from the time of the warring states in the period 481-221 B.C. The tile was part of the chamber wall of a warrior's tomb and is decorated with the carved figure of a soldier and a pike.

The First Camouflage
A large bronze drum dating from 219 A.D. occupies a prominent position in the exhibition and provides evidence perhaps of the first instance of psychological warfare being used in China.

In the Three Kingdoms days of the Han dynasty, when Prime Minister Kung Ming printed and published for the proprietors, The Newspaper Enterprise, Limited, by Warren James Esdaile, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

was trying to conquer the province of Yunnan, he employed the technique of camouflage to beat his enemies. The drums were placed in mountain streams so that water and pebbles hid them from view while they were beaten, creating the impression of masses of troops being in the vicinity.

Mr. Ma Man-fai said yesterday: "Some of the pieces of jade in this exhibition were instruments of war in the early days when it was the sharpest material that could be modelled into the form of weapons, before the age of bronze. When these materials were discovered, of course they replaced jade."

Cultural Heritage
Mr. Ma said that one of the primary future efforts of the Sino-British Club will be to organise sub-committees made up of members with knowledge of antique bronzes, paintings, jade, porcelains, wood cuts with a view to holding displays.

He explained that the present exhibition originated with a group of people who have the cultural heritage of China at heart and realise that in the last eight years of war China has suffered irreparable damage to her antiquities and a great deal of turnover in the ownership of these historical articles.

Opening the exhibition yesterday Mr. T. W. Kwok expressed his appreciation of the efforts of the Club and said: "The showing of these collections to members of the public should become an important feature of the rehabilitation programme in the Colony."